

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Applicants:** Algirdas A. Underys )  
Serial No.: 08/991,113 )  
**Filing Date:** December 16, 1997 )  
**Title:** Heat Treatment Method and Apparatus )

Attention:

**Primary Examiner**  
**Wyszomierski**

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The Honorable Commissioner  
of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action of May 27, 1999, please amend the above entitled application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 18, line 2, delete "the"; insert -a-;

line 7, delete "the"; insert -an-.

REMARKS

We have reviewed with care the Examiner's comments and have made a strenuous effort herein to overcome or eliminate said objections to the end that the application will be in condition for formal allowance. Specifically we comment as follows.